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Sent: 4/1/2013 3:12:34 PM
To: Dina Johnson [DLJohnson@environcorp.com]
Subject: RE: Butte Health Study - EJ comment

Draft Responses:

G2.I.1: EPA is overseeing and working closely with, the BSB Health Department and other stakeholders on the workplan and resulting documents.

G2.I.3: Respondents are required to conduct and design health studies in Butte on a periodic basis, as required by RMAP and EPA. Adequate funding for the efforts will be the responsibility of the respondents.

G2.I.7: The issues raised in this comment are outside of the scope of the Health Study. Please refer to the protectiveness statements in the recent Five Year Reviews for BMFOU and BPSOU. Groundwater contamination from the Parrott Tailings area and other sources are intercepted and treated under BPSOU remedy.

G2.I.9: The area in question has been called Metro Storm Drain since at least the 1960's. Regardless of the name of the area, the remedy for BPSOU is in compliance with CERCLA and the NCP.

Also took a shot at this one,

G2.I.10: The Health Study obligations were required under the RMAP prior to the release of the Stacie Barry dissertation. EPA has made limited scientifically based comments on the dissertation, which was done outside of the EPA Superfund process, and certainly has not done anything resembling a "hatchet job" towards the study.

Nikia

From: Dina Johnson [mailto:DLJohnson@environcorp.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 26, 2013 8:29 PM
To: Greene, Nikia
Subject: RE: Butte Health Study - EJ comment

Hi Nikia,
Would you please also take responsibility for drafting responses to G2.I.1, G2.I.3, G2.I.7, and G2.I.9?
Thank you!
Dina



Dina L. Johnson | Senior Manager

From: Greene, Nikia [mailto:Greene.Nikia@epa.gov]
Sent: Thursday, March 21, 2013 3:14 PM
To: Dina Johnson
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Yes, I will try to have that to you by Monday.

From: Dina Johnson [<mailto:DLJohnson@environcorp.com>]
Sent: Thursday, March 21, 2013 3:18 PM
To: Greene, Nikia
Subject: RE: Butte Health Study - EJ comment

On another note, there are 2 questions within G2.A.1 that you indicated you would help respond to during our last planning team meeting. Specifically, you clarified that the study wouldn't result in any changes to the ROD, but maybe to the RMAP. Here are the questions:

"How will these health studies impact Superfund cleanup in Butte? If diseases related to heavy metals exposure have not decreased but in some cases increased since the inception of Superfund in Butte, will the ROD(s) for Butte, particularly Butte Priority Soils be reopened to be more protective?"

Can you provide text responding to those? I will add it to the response we are working on for the other questions in this comment.

Thanks!
Dina



Dina L. Johnson | Senior Manager

From: Greene, Nikia [<mailto:Greene.Nikia@epa.gov>]
Sent: Thursday, March 21, 2013 1:32 PM
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Subject: RE: Butte Health Study - EJ comment

Thanks

From: Dina Johnson [<mailto:DLJohnson@environcorp.com>]
Sent: Thursday, March 21, 2013 2:29 PM
To: Greene, Nikia
Subject: Butte Health Study - EJ comment

Hi Nikia, thanks for letting me know about the missing EJ comment. I think what happened is that it was somehow replaced by the latter portion of the comment that was meant to precede it. Below is the correction, which does not add any new comment numbers, but does affect 2 existing ones. The G2.C.11 comment in the original table was incomplete previously. Let me know if you have questions about this. Thanks! Dina

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| G2.C.11 | I don't need to repeat the details of EPA's written commitment, in terms of policy and procedure, to "meaningful public involvement" and to promoting environmental justice. We will see if the EPA's reaction to the comments received is congruent with the agency's written commitment to promote efficacious public involvement and to promote environmental justice. If the public comments simply get "blown-off" and become only the subject of a perfunctory responsiveness summary, Butte citizens will see once again that the EPA only pays "lip-service" to meaningful public involvement in Superfund decision-making and to environmental justice. |
| G2.C.12 | Although central Butte has a disproportionate number of low income citizens, environmental justice concerns have been ignored. Look to the work plan and you will see environmental justice is ignored. In this area I fault not only the Montana Office of EPA but Region 8's office in Denver which has an |

environmental justice staff. I was shocked to find that Region 8, unlike most EPA regions, does not even have an environmental justice action plan.

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